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Flaunting flesh, or fashion?

Tomorrow is the last day for
—adding classes.
—students to drop a class without receiving a 'W' on their records.

Central Financial aid office explored

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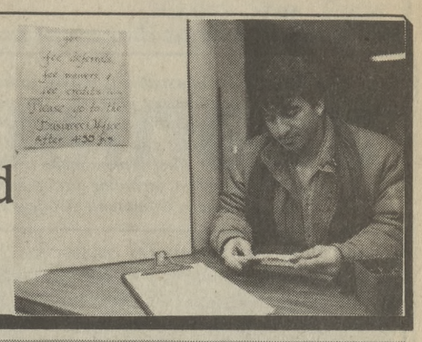

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Slide persists despite free-flow restrictions

By DORENE ROBBINS, Staff Writer

Although the number of Valley College students has increased from 16,000 the first day of the spring semester to 17,800 at present, the enrollment drop from last year remains severe here and throughout the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

This represents over a 15 percent reduction in student population according to Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs at Valley.

Inter-district transfer agreements between the LACCD and several neighboring colleges designed to reduce the out-flow of district students appear not to have greatly influenced the anticipated enrollment drop.

These agreements require a new student taking over six units to attend the community college in his or her own district except where a desired course of study is not available.

District-wide enrollment stood at 88,000 at the end of the seond week of classes according to Norm Schneider, district director of communications services. This represents a 21 percent decrease from the 111,200 students attending the LACCD at the same time last year, he said.

Enrollment at Glendale College, outside the LACCD, is up a little over seven percent said Bud Reinholt, dean of admissions for that school.

"As of last week, which is eight days into the semester, we have 6270 students compared with 5819 last year," he said.

Classes began this week at College of the Canyons, in Valencia, which also signed an agreement with the LACCD two weeks ago restricting the free-flow of students, according to Marijane Paulsen, dean of admissions for COC. Though there were no available figures yet, she said that enrollment there "appears to be holding."

"We are running close to last year's enrollment," she said, "but lack of free-flow may hurt us."

El Camino College has also signed an agreement with the LACCD which will go into effect spring semester, according to Schneider.

No enrollment figures were yet available at El Camino, which begins its spring semester Feb. 4. An El Camino research technician, who refused to identify herself, said they were presently registering and that the "seat count" is at 61.5 percent of capacity.

These preliminary estimates from community colleges outside the LACCD are not by any means conclusive, but Schneider said the out-flow of students is "much larger by about a three-to-one ratio," indicating that the loss of state funding due to enrollment drops will remain a significant problem.

JOYCE GLANTZ / Valley Star

TESTING THE WATERS—A Valley swimmer debates over getting her feet wet at a rainy day practice.

Only 26 students vote in ASU election

By STEPHANIE STASSEL, Staff Writer

All four candidates who ran for the commissioner's posts of the ASU executive council were elected last week and another three were nominated Tuesday. Three posts still must be filled to reach a quorum needed to elect a vice president. Only 26 out of 770 ASU members voted.

Elected commissioners include Susan Dudasik for public relations, Edger Fregoso for Chicano ethnic studies, Victor Johnson for black ethnic studies, and Bruce Najbergier for Jewish ethnic studies.

In the executive council meeting held Tuesday, three additional commissioners were appointed for one semester through nominations by the other council members. The nominated commissioners are John Gilfillan for elections, Laura Leganza for women's concerns, and Shawn Ulibarri for campus affairs.

Two other ASU members were temporarily appointed to commissioner's posts for a two-week trial period. Zona-Lisa Bennett will cover scholastic affairs and Debra Shaw will assume fine arts. After the two-week period, executive council members will vote to appoint someone to the posts for the remainder of the semester.

The ASU is currently planning a club membership day, a blood drive, and the Board of Trustees candidate forum.

Club membership day will be held in Monarch Square on Feb. 14 to acquaint students with the 20 various campus clubs.

Dick Starksen, president of the Campus Christian Fellowship said, "This gives us the opportunity to let the students know who we are and what we're about."

The American Red Cross sponsored blood drive will take place Feb. 20 and 21 in Monarch Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Dorothy Kaplan, ASU treasurer, 126 pints were collected the previous year. "We did very well last year," she said.

Board of Trustees incumbents and candidates will be invited to gather in Monarch Hall on March 25 at 11 a.m. for a forum to discuss issues and answer questions. The forum is open to all students and is expected to last an hour.

Two Valley students awarded first Levanthal scholarship

By SAL SCIORTINO, Staff Writer

Child development majors Tina Barnes and Bonnee Connell were the first recipients of the Rose Levanthal Scholarship. The $150 award was presented to the students Monday by Arthur Levanthal in memory of his wife who died last August.

The scholarship, which will be awarded to two child development majors every semester, was founded by Mr. Levanthal to give women who are returning to school the assistance that his late wife was not able to get, he said.

During the Depression, Mrs. Levanthal began teaching in New York with a 3-year credential, working for $6.05 a day. But when the couple moved to California in 1944, the state would not honor her New York credential.

She was issued a provisional credential and required to take classes to complete a new credential. Less than half of her units were accepted here.

Working full time and caring for a husband and three children, it took Mrs. Levanthal six years to earn a B.A. from Cal State Los Angeles. "If you think it is easy, even on a husband," Said Mr Levanthal, "it isn't."

Barnes, 26, studies early childhood education at Valley and works as a teacher and director at the Centers of Learning school in Sepulveda. She holds an A.A. degree in fine arts from Mesa College in San Diego and hopes to transfer to Northridge in 1986.

Connell, who received notification of her award on her 36th birthday, has been a Valley student since the summer of 1981. She will graduate with an A.A. in child development in May, 1986.

She teaches two-year-olds at Glendale Preschool and Kindergarten, where she has worked for more than a year. Last March she completed a vocational certificate in child development from Valley.

Applications for the fall scholarships are due April 15 and may be obtained from child development professor Barbara Follosco in WG3.

Applicants must be child development majors over 30, who are returning to school, have completed six units of college courses, maintained a 3.0 grade point average in child development courses, and be enrolled in a minimum of six units during the recipient semester. The application requires two recommendations.

Last semester 60 applications were given out, but only three were completed by the deadline. For this reason, Barnes, who is under 30, was excepted from the age requirement, according to Follosco.

"Because of so few responses, we waivered that requirement," said Follosco.

Those wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund should contact Barbara Follosco in WG3.

LAURA TANIS / Valley Star

AND THE WINNERS ARE—Arthur Levanthal presents scholarships to Bonnee Connell (left) and Tina Barnes.

Daily Review changes name, frequency, to boost circulation.

By LINDA ADAMS, Staff Writer

The *Burbank Daily Review,* which has covered Valley College news, will be changing its format from a daily newspaper to twice a week, said the paper's owner, Bill LaMee, on Monday.

The 80-year old newspaper will cease daily circulation in April and take on a new format in hopes of attracting more readers. The paper currently has a circulation of 92,000, and LaMee hopes that it will increase to 98,000.

The reason for the change was because "We wanted to increase penetration (into the Burbank market) and increase the value for the advertisers," said LaMee. So far, the advertisers have been dissatisfied with the lack of penetration because "Newspaper readership in California is characteristically not good."

The new format will be more colorful, larger," LaMee said. There will be an increase in the news, but there isn't "going to be any national (or) international news...strictly local."

It will feature half news and half advertising, LaMee added. The paper plans to cover everything on the local scene such as high school sporting events and church and club events.

The paper will also have a new name, the *Burbank Leader,* because it would be "tough to call the paper *Daily Review* if it doesn't come out daily," said LaMee.

The format of the paper is based on another newspaper, the *Foothill Leader,* which also comes out twice weekly. It was established several years ago and is delivered to residents in Sunland, Tujunga, La Canada, Flintridge, and La Crescenta.

Like its predecessor, the *Burbank Leader* will be delivered free to residents. There will, however, be a voluntarily charge of $2.00 a month for those who would like to pay for it.

LaMee hopes that the people of Burbank will like the new format but adds that he'll have to wait for their reaction after the paper comes out.

"I think it's great," said LaMee, referring to the new format. "I'm sold on it."

Sociology scholarship honors late Valley professor

By LAURA TANIS, News Editor

A scholarship is available for sociology majors honoring Emily Gunning, 63, professor of sociology at Valley College for 19 years, who died last fall.

Gunning left her library to Valley. In honor of her donation, bookplates will be put in all the books that she left and will be kept in the sociological section of the library.

"Emily was a very private person," said Pat Allen, professor of sociology. "Those of us who worked with her didn't know anything about her."

Gunning retired last June.

FILE PHOTO 1970

"She had a very rough time the last few weeks before she retired," Allen said. "It was very difficult for her and she could barely get around. She was a trooper. She never let anyone know the kind of pain or suffering she was in."

Gunning earned her bachelor's degree at Bernard College and her master's at Colombia University.

She was the Sociology Department chair about 10 years ago.

She served on the Undergraduate Section of the American Sociological Association

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News Notes

FINANCIAL AID

Student Aid applications for California and Cal Grant Supplemental applications for the '85-'86 academic year are now available in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for Cal Grant applications is Feb. 11, 1985.

CRIMES OF THE HEART

Crimes of the Heart, a play by Beth Henley, will be presented in Valley's Horseshoe Theater tonight and Feb. 1,2 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $4. Reservations and information may be obtained by calling 781-1200 ex. 318/319.

GRADUATION PETITIONS

The deadline for filing for graduation, on May 24, 1985, is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, room 127 of the Administration Building.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross in association with ASU will hold a blood drive in Monarch Hall, Feb. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Signups are in CC100 and CC102.

GAY AND LESBIAN CLUB

Starting today the Gay and Lesbian Club will meet every Thursday at 11 a.m. in CC200. More information may be obtained by leaving a message in the club's mailbox in the ASU office.

UCLA INTERN HOURS

UCLA Fall '85 applicants and prospective transfer students may obtain more information through Bradford Hebbe on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the counseling lobby.

FOLK DANCE MARATHON

The International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club will hold a dance marathon from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Feb. 2 in Valley's Field House. Admission is $3, refreshments included, and it is open to the public. More information may be obtained by calling 988-3911 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

ASU PHOTO ID'S

Photos for ASU ID's will be taken Monday through Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 11a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 15 in CC102.

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Bookstore hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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"How do you spell relief?"

STAR EDITORIALS

Forum plan applauded

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is in trouble.

Classes have been cancelled. Student jobs have been lost. Enrollment is down. The list of problems could go on ad infinitum.

Although some people may wish to point the finger of blame at the LACCD Board of Trustees, the blame must ultimately rest with the voting public. We, the voters, are responsible because members of the Board of Trustees are elected officials.

Each of the seven seats on the board comes up for election every four years. On April 9, voters will decide who will fill three of those seats until 1989. In 1987, the remaining four seats will be elected.

In a commendable effort to encourage students to participate in this choice, Valley's Associated Student Union (ASU) has issued invitations to all candidates for the three seats to participate in a Candidates' Forum at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, in Monarch Hall.

Hopefully, candidates will show enough interest to attend the function and answer specific questions from the student body, faculty, staff, and the press.

The voting records of incumbent candidates should be examined closely by the voters. Hard questions and straight answers should be expected.

If, in fact, the incumbents do not choose to participate, then perhaps the accusations of insensitivity and unresponsiveness to the needs of students are true.

Voters should be aware of the far-reaching effects of decisions made by the LACCD Board of Trustees. Lives are influenced profoundly by those decisions. Each one of us at Valley has been touched by decisions made by these elected officials.

If the incumbent trustees are retained, will they bring new ideas to the district or can we expect more of the same type of administration for the next two to four years?

Challenging candidates may offer changes, but voters need to know exactly what changes will be proposed and what their ramifications might be.

Student attendance has been embarrassingly small at such occasions in the past. Now is the time for us to use our strength in numbers effectively. Each student must recognize the significance of this election.

The *Valley Star* encourages students to register and to vote intelligently in the April 9 general election.

The ASU's Candidates' Forum is a timely opportunity for student voters and candidates to establish important lines of communication.

In order for democracy to work, we must work at democracy.

All candidates are strongly urged to be present and to take an active role in the Candidates' Forum, which could well be the single most important event on campus this year.

What about students?

Last week, a plan by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to continue low bus fares for elderly and disabled riders was presented to the City Council.

The plan, which was created in the face of proposed fare hikes that the Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD) hopes to implement later this year, is another strong indication that Bradley has a true concern for the needy.

Over the past several years, the mayor has shown himself to be conscientious towards the needs of his constituents. This plan will likely strengthen Bradley's chances at the voting booths this April for a fourth term as the mayor of Los Angeles.

But judging from his past performance, such a motive is likely secondary in his mind. In a day and age when the elderly and handicapped are two of the most troubled peoples of society, Bradley's plan will ease the pain they might have felt as a result of the exorbitant increases.

Unfortunately, despite Bradley's good intentions,there is one section of the population that is conspicuously absent from the plan—students.

In his two years as governor, George Deukmejian has increased the cost of education in the state's community colleges, California State, and University of California school systems. The added financial burden has left many students with empty pocketbooks.

The absence of the students from the plan is no minor oversight. Most students are considered to be young and physically healthy, but that doesn't mean they do not sag under financial burdens like everyone else.

Thousands of student pass-holders use the RTD to get to school. How can these students, many of whom encounter difficulty paying the $50 registration fee each semester, be expected to pay $24 a month to ride the bus instead of the $4 they currently pay? The RTD's outrageous increases could be the detrimental last straw for students who can barely afford to finance their education.

Perhaps Bradley has spoken out for the elderly and the handicapped because he feels they will be the hardest hit by the fare increases. However, he should also realize that students will be unduly burdened.

Bradley's democratic values have often seen him emerge as the champion of the people. His sensibility and fairness have made him one of the best mayors Los Angeles has ever had. Hopefully, his sensibility and fairness will spark him to amend his plan to include students in the battle against fare increases by the RTD.

Adding aids Valley

With all the bleak news pertaining to the community colleges these past few months, it may seem that the students are fighting everyone from the governor to the district officials in hopes of saving their right to a decent education.

Students at Valley now have the opportunity to demonstrate to the governor and the state legislature just how important an education is to them.

The last day to obtain add permits was extended to Wednesday, Jan. 30, while the last day to process added classes with the admissions office is now Friday, Feb. 1.

The *Valley Star* encourages students to take advantage of the extensions and applauds the actions of those who have already done so.

By taking advantage of the extension dates, students can benefit their education and, at the same time, illustrate to the governor and the state legislature the need for their full support of the community colleges.

Dancewear

Fashion or flesh shows?

By JENNIFER KONZE, Editor-in-Chief

Indecently dressed women are invading Valley's campus.

I have been noticing an increasing number of female students walking around campus in leotards and tights.

It is really outrageous to see these skimpily dressed women running around campus as if they were trying to imitate a version of the video "Let's Get Physical."

Maybe these women would be in a better position if it were late spring, summer, or if they were to be seen only in a gym. However, it is winter, the temperatures are hovering between 50 and 65 degrees, and these women are walking around campus half-dressed. The *least* they could do is catch a cold. *Preferably* a chest cold.

Sure, there was the *"Let's look like Olivia Newton-John"* phase, but these women do not compare to Olivia and the phase is past.

It is time for these women to grow-up, stop flaunting the fact that they are grown-up, and get dressed.

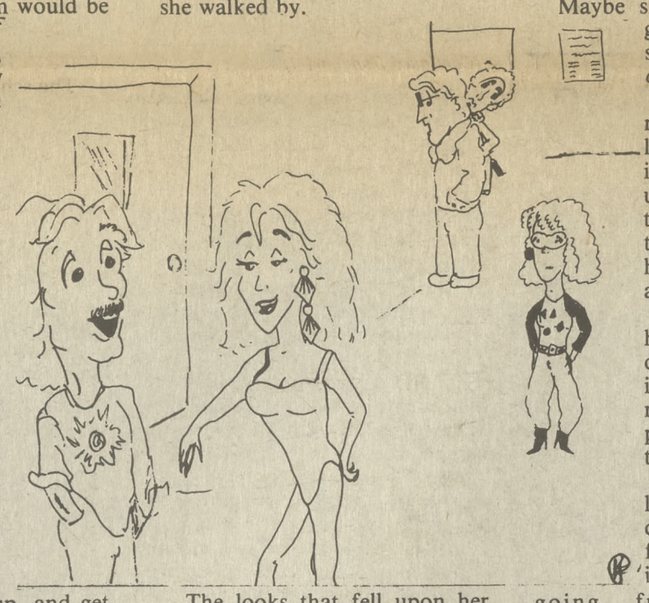
They may be flaunting their flesh just for the fashion of it, but it is not proper attire for the school crowd.

The first barely dressed female I sighted was on the service road behind the Campus Center.

Wearing a leotard, sheer tights and leg-warmers that had fallen around her ankles, she stood out among the 9:50 a.m. class rush crowd who were dressed in jackets and coats for the nipping 55 degree temperature.

On top of that, her leotards left little to the imagination as the v-shaped neckline scooped low exposing the fleshy tops of her breasts and the leotard came up high enough to expose her hip bones and part of her buttocks.

As she strutted through the 9:50 a.m. class rush, students, both male and female, would turn around and stare at her as she walked by.



The looks that fell upon her were not ogling eyes and expressions of pleasure but eyes and expressions that contained question and disapproval.

Sure, she was well proportioned and attractive, but she was out of place walking amongst the college crowd in that array.

Many women, myself included, find it degrading to be referred to as sexual objects. This particular woman was abusing her sexuality and demeaning herself, as well as other women, by walking around in a style of clothing which was not appropiate to her surroundings.

I could understand that maybe she was coming from her aerobics class, was running late and did not have time to get dressed before her next class.

However, she could just as easily have slipped a skirt around her waist since there are skirts made for the dance attire.

Maybe she thought that her garb was back in style. *Not on this campus.*

The campus atmosphere is one for learning not for flaunting. Her garb was an unnecessary distraction to the extent that those looking back at her may have tripped and hurt themselves.

Male students may have also ran the risk of whiplash from turning their heads so fast, not to mention the possibility of straining their eyeballs.

She was not the only woman I saw dressed in this fashion. Besides seeing them coming and going from classes, I have seen a few in the Administration Building.

Newly enrolled students, especially those who feel the same way about appropriate attire, would probably be put off by the sight of these women.

They may not be the cause of the declining enrollment, but I would begin to wonder about a school that has half-dressed women running around.

Hopefully, these people will clean up the image of Valley by going back into the gym or getting dressed.

Letters to the Star

Both sides needed

Editor,

In response to your article in the January 17 issue of the *Valley Star* (entitled: *Ulibarri ousted—New president appointed),* I feel it necessary to inform you of my concern with your article.

At times, I realize, it is difficult to contact each and every person involved in a story for comment, and the time deadlines of a newspaper can be very limiting and sometimes make it all but impossible to explore a subject fully. I nevertheless can say that an honest effort was not made to contact myself in regard to the aforementioned article to obtain my comments, especially in light of the fact that I am one of the two key people in the article.

I sincerely hope that in the future, you make more of an effort to obtain all sides of the story before going to press with it.

Shawn A. Ulibarri
Administrative Vice President
The California Student Association
of Community Colleges

Ferrero supported

Editor,

Congratulations to staff writer Marc Proval on his welcome article on Valley's Football team and the tribute to Coach Ferrero.

The team players and the coaching staff devote many hours of hard work.

The players also continue with a full academic program as well as developing their physical skills.

The hours that the coaches contribute don't even come out to minimum wages.

Coach Ferrero has encouraged more students in academic programs than affirmative action programs.

Ralph Lazo
Counselor

LETTERS

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Board president Bronson means business

By KEN McCALL, Managing Editor

Thirty years of working in the corporate business world has given Arthur Bronson some very definite ideas on the way organizations should be run.

"Managing in a mode of decline takes a lot more skill and dedication than managing when the money is free," said Bronson, who was elected president of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees last July. "You have to be creative today—you can't just do business as usual."

Bronson said his business experience (28 years as manager of special products for Atlantic Richfield) gives him a perspective that is unique on the Board.

"I've been through three fallouts in my industrial life," he said, "where you had to run a leaner, sometimes meaner, but a keener operation. I've had that experience of dealing with plenty and dealing with shortage in industry and much of what I bring to the District is that real-world experience."

Not surprisingly, Bronson said it is that "real world" experience that makes him more qualified than his opponent in the upcoming board elections. He is running against Julian Nava, a former Board of Education member and former ambassador to Mexico under the Carter administration.

"Those who have gone from kindergarten through their advanced degree and into the classroom lack a certain touch with the real world in which I have lived and earned my living and had to meet the bottom line and manage," said Bronson.

"His (Nava's) background has been one of strictly academics. But he's not running to be a teacher, he's running to be involved with governance of the seventh-largest educational institution in the country."

Although he sees the district's current fiscal problems as cyclical and temporary, Bronson is not in favor of waiting the bad times out.

"My major thrust for the next four years is the utilization of land resources that are owned by the District," he said. "We may own $110 million or more in land that isn't being used.

"I'm not interested in selling land because once you sell an asset, that's it. I'd rather see a sustained income. My motion of Nov. 2, 1983, was to utilize these land resources through joint venture or lease hold."

Bronson not only wants to develop the land to provide income for the District, but he has also recently met with the head of the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to discuss a possible deal that could save the District a bundle.

"My thinking is we trade land that we have downtown that we're not using—we have a piece close to Trade Tech and a piece close to City—and work a deal with the CRA where they would put low-cost housing on that land and, in consideration for that, they would get us a building on Spring St.

RICO MANDEL / Valley Star

LACCD Board of Trustees President Arthur Bronson relaxes in his Woodland Hills home.

Bronson said the lease for the current District offices is up in four years and he would "like us to be out of there by then.

"There are some buildings there that could be used as District headquarters," he said, "where we could end up as the landlord."

But that's not the only deal he has up his sleeve.

"I've set up a long-range planning commmittee for air-conditioning for the District," he said.

Bronson said the district will probably never have the money to buy air-conditioning outright. His idea is to get a private company that manufactures the equipment to install it on the campuses in return for the tax investment incentives offered by the federal government. Then the district would buy the equipment slowly over time.

Just how long-range are we talking here?

"Long-range is next week for us," he said with a relaxed smile. "I'd like to shoot for August, but I'd have to be dreaming for that. But real estate and air conditioning are my highest priorities right now."

They aren't the end of his ideas, however.

"I've asked the LAOOC for $18 million for a physical education complex at South West College," Bronson said.

He proudly produced blueprints of the proposed Southwest Olympic Sports Complex which includes a full, Olympic-size pool with a separate diving well, a complete gymnasium, a track and two baseball fields. Southwest currently has neither a pool nor a gym.

Bronson said he got the idea while talking to LAOOC member Rafer Johnson, who told him of the steadily growing Olympic surplus.

"In addition to the Olympic group, I'm in contact with Coors about funding for the complex, and we have a meeting coming up pretty soon," he said.

Bronson called the boycott against Coors by the black community "an economic incentive."

"We can help Coors," he said. "We want them to help us."

As for the enrollment decline, although he said that the trend was nationwide and was partly caused by a demographic slump in college-aged students, he does not advocate waiting this trend out, either.

"Life is a selling game, and teachers have to be our salespeople," he said. "Whether you're a nuclear scientist or a tradesman, you have something to sell. If you believe in a product as I do, you sell hard and well."

Bronson said he has been "sold on the system" for a long time.

He first became involved with the community colleges just after moving to the West Coast to begin working for Atlantic-Richfield. He was developing an oil-based chemical for use as a weed-killer and some of the instructors at Pierce agreed to try it on their citrus groves.

"I used Pierce as an experimental ground," said Bronson. "I got to know the president, and later on, Marey Martin put me on her advisory board when she became president.

Bronson said he was subsequently given the Pierce College Man of the Year award for his contributions to the school.

Bronson became involved in the District administration even before it came into being. When 132 people made it on the ballot for the seven board positions in the first district elections, Bronson and a few of his colleagues on the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce set up a screening process "to try to make some sense out of that ballot."

Eighteen months later Jerry Brown—who was a member of that first board—became secretary of state and Bronson was asked to run for his position.

"I was one to the 32 who ran," Bronson said. "I came in second to Dr. James Slosson, a professor of geology at Valley, and then beat him in the general election of 71."

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It's no boob-tube anymore

By FAY BROOKINS, Staff Writer

Select your telecourse, settle back in your easy chair, and let the show begin. But be prepared for a strong and sophisticated dose of teaching.

The Los Angeles Community College District is offering five elective choices for the ITV Spring '85 schedule which started January 28. Subjects offered are business management, computer science, introductory psychology, humanities and oceanography, with the latter two also transferable to the University of California.

According to Ethel McClatchey, faculty director of academic programs for ITV in the LACCD, the first telecourses were "taped live, with talking heads." In other words, instructors simply stood and lectured to the TV cameras as if in a classroom.

But telecourse broadcasts now consist of "sophisticated productions and exotic locations," using celebrities, specialists, professional actors, and state-of-the-art production techniques, McLatchey said.

Today's telecourse instructors do not appear on TV, but deal directly with the students, she continued. They lead the seminars, give the examinations, and are available for consultation. Qualified faculty are carefully chosen from applications made after telecourse subjects are announced to the district colleges.

The LACCD belongs to the Southern California Consortium for ITV, a group that includes college districts from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border. The Consortium decides what is educationally feasible and buys, leases or makes programs for ITV use. This makes it possible for member districts to afford the best instructional programs.

The Non-Traditional Instruction Committee for the LACCD, made up of faculty advisors including LAVC faculty member Dr. E. R. Hammer, decide which programs will be offered from those made available by the Consortium.

ITV's Fall 84 enrollment was 1,300, an eight percent drop from previous enrollment, but less of a decline than the individual colleges suffered.

Funding for ITV comes from the LACCD budget, enrollment fees follow the same schedule as all district colleges, and students already attending a district college are credited for money already paid.

Anyone over 18 years of age is eligible, and high school students may enroll with the consent of their principal. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 1, by mail or in person.

The ITV Department employs five instructors, as well as McClatchey and four staff members. The department is located at LAVC in the Campus Center.

McClatchey referred to a recent article in Glamour Magazine that rebutted popular myths about television instruction:

1. The courses are *not* easy. Much self-discipline is needed and the courses are evaluated by the same standards as the traditional classroom's.

2. Telecourses are *not* offered only in the middle of the night. They are broadcast several times each day.

3. Telecourses are *not* impersonal. "Live" instructors are always there for seminars, exams, and consultation.

Seminar tells of vanishing children

"Disappearing Children" is the title of a talk that will be given at the Child Development Center on Friday, Feb. 1, at 12:30 p.m.

Lt. Chuck Long, of the Los Angeles Police Department, will address the Parents Interest Club on this matter. The public is invited to attend.

Lt. Long will give background on cases in which he was involved. He will offer information to parents on ways of prevention, methods of searching and helping children adjust once they return home. The talk will basically serve to highten awareness.

The Parents Interest Club is a group of about 16 students who volunteer their free time to the center. They hold fund raising to purchase books and playground equipment for the children. They concern themselves with issues surrounding children today.

Gunning. . .

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(ASA) for many years. She also helped to create and edit a guide for teaching sociology entitled *81 Techniques for Teaching Sociological Concepts.*

"This is one of the most popular books that the ASA has put out," Allen said.

Gunning was also an educational film editor and a member of the Film Associates of California.

"She had quite a background in film and theater and I think that broadened her sociological background a great deal," said Allen.

According to Allen, she applied much of this knowledge to her teaching.

Allen discovered this imformation about Gunning after cleaning out her library following her death.

"Although she was a quiet, unassuming individual, she was also an instructor who spent hours in her office talking with students and going over exams," said Allen.

"I think she was well liked by her students. Many of them have come in since then and have asked where she is and have given their condolences. There was a great deal of concern from her students."

The scholarship award will be offered to a student majoring in sociology and transferring to a four-year institution. The funding for the award is still being collected and the sum is dependent upon donations from faculty and other individuals. Allen said it will probably be $100-$200.

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BABE'S IN TROUBLE—Babe (Claudia Fielding) and her lawyer Barnette (Chas Broman) discuss her attempted murder charge.

Sisters cope with 'Crimes'

By DORENE ROBINS, Staff Writer

Human relationships are at their best and their worst as three sisters wrestle with attempted murder, adultery, failure and guilt—lots of it— in Beth Henley's *Crimes of the Heart*, now playing at the Horseshoe Theater at Valley.

Hazelhurst, a small town in Mississippi, is the setting for this three-act play which delves into human weaknesses and strengths with humor, but at the same time hovers on the edge of tragedy.

The play opens as the eldest sister Lenny, played by Maria Golden, unsuccessfully tries to light a candle to celebrate her 30th birthday. Lenny represents the pillar of the family on whom all depend for stability and support when necessary.

Meg, the middle sister played by Marti Stevens, has left the small town to pursue her singing career in Hollywood. She returns to town from her less than successful career after receiving a telegram from Lenny saying that Babe, the youngest sister, is being charged with attempted murder.

Claudia Fielding plays Babe, who shoots her husband because she "didn't like his looks."

Golden appeared a bit nervous in her role of Lenny, whose sole aim in life seems to be to accommodate everyone's wishes. Her performance was adequate in the none-too-glamorous role but her southern accent tended to get lost during emotional outbursts.

A credible performance was given by Stevens as Meg, the slightly crass but vivacious and warm-hearted sister. Stevens seemed very comfortable with the character, but, like Golden, would lose the accent when getting emotional.

However, in the third act Stevens shines.

Fielding, last seen in the fall as Hester in the play *The Silver Cord,* appeared natural and smooth. Her portrayal was convincing enough that during her casual attempt to commit suicide by lighting a match with her head in a gas oven ("It hasn't been one of my better days"), an enrapt member of the audience exclaimed aloud "She's going to light it?"

Babe was a person at odds with herself. Fielding did a good job of presenting Babe's understanding of others' problems. Although she was able to give insight into her mother's suicide, ironically, she could not grasp the consequences of her own love affair with a young boy.

A notable performance was given by Jennifer Wendel as Chick, the three sisters' bitchy, gossiping cousin, who enjoys pointing out people's faults above all things. Her snide intrusions into her cousins' lives were quite believable.

And for Chas Broman, Babe's lawyer Barnette, adorable is the best description.

There was one unintended element in common between the plot and one of the stage crew members—they both slipped.

The plot faded in and out from comedy to melodrama, from believable to unbelievable.

Meanwhile a stagehand on the catwalk above the audience during the performance let a flashlight drop to the floor.

Congratulations to Stevens and Alan Waserman, as Doc, for not flinching. They ignored the whole incident.

All in all *Crimes* is well worth the time to see.

There are three remaining performances of *Crimes of the Heart,* tonight, Feb. 1, and 2 at 8:30 p.m. There is a charge of $4 for admission.

'Falcon' soars with true story of spies

By STEVE PETERS, Entertainment Editor

Occasionally, a true story translates into film so well that even a well-developed fictional work couldn't hope to rival its impact.

Such is the case with *The Falcon and The Snowman,* an intriguing, fast-paced movie based on the book by journalist Robert Lindsey.

Falcon is the story of two young men from affluent Palos Verdes who, through an incredible chain of events, sell top secret government information to the Russians.

In the mid-70s, Christopher Boyce (Timothy Hutton), the son of a former FBI agent, took a job with a company that monitored satellites for the CIA. A series of promotions quickly put Boyce into a top security position, where he accidentally received documents on a covert CIA activity abroad. Disillusioned with this information, he decided to sell documents as a sort of "private protest" against the government.

With the help of Andrew Daulton Lee (Sean Penn), a drug dealer (and user) who had been friends with Boyce since grammar school, The Falcon (Boyce) supplied the Russians with data for nearly two years before both men were caught.

While thoroughly entertaining, *Falcon* poses a question that is equally unnerving: How could a 21-year-old college dropout hold a National Security position with such important access?

Director John Schlesinger, whose ups and downs range from the Oscar-winning *Midnight Cowboy* to the recent bomb *Honky Tonk Freeway,* has provided one of the most powerful films of the year. His tight direction of Steven Zaillian's screenplay allows the viewer to really understand the motives of Boyce and Lee, and his insight into the chartacters almost make a viewer sympathize with their actions.

But the real strength of *Falcon* is its brilliant acting. Hutton's well-bred, conservative character is convincing; it is no surprise that he regularly discussed his part with the real Boyce. Though the role may not be Oscar material like Hutton's torn young adult in *Ordinary People,* the actors strong interpretation of Boyce's cause produces a captivating portrait of an unsure, confused spy.

Penn delivers the most effective performance of his career as the strung-out addict Lee, a distinct departure from the drug-abusing surfer that Penn played in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. In fact, Penn is hardly recognizable as Lee, with his short black hair and thin mustache. But in his best role since the excellent juvenile delinquint in *Bad Boys*, Penn proves without a doubt that he will be one of *the* new breed of actors to watch in future years. He provided the perfect nervous edge to Lee who is twisted enough to try to persuade the Russians into a major drug deal.

Despite some minor dramatizations, *Falcon* remains faithful to Lindsey's book. It is a taut, exciting story of two unlikely participants in the world of espionage which shows that truth can indeed be stranger than fiction.

Thriller draws shrieks of laughter, leaves audience 'too sick to scream'

By SEAN BROWNING, Staff Writer

Too Scared to Scream combines all of the essentials of a typical slash movie (blood, nudity, more blood, a few knives, and an unoriginal story) into a film that gets more unintentional laughs than it does screams.

With occasionally bright and well-written parts in the script and a couple of fairly jolting scenes, the film is not a total waste. But the minuses far outweigh the plusses in this movie, which is about forty-five minutes too long.

The film opens at a plush Manhattan apartment complex with a lovely, young woman undressing for a hot shower. We expect a blatant rip-off of the scene in Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho,* but the knife falls after the shower and she is found by her maid the following morning stuffed in the clothes dryer.

Enter tough cop Lt. Dinardo (Mike Connors of *Mannix* fame) and street-wise detective Kate (Anne Archer) to solve the bizarre case.

Murder after murder begin to pile up in the stately old apartments and the night doorman, Vincent Hardwick (Ian McShane), is suspected since he was on duty when all of the murders occurred.

Dinardo and Kate then set out after Hardwick, who lives with his crippled and mute mother in an elegant old house.

The movie ends with a surprisingly clever yet confusing twist in the Agatha Christie vein, making it all the more unoriginal.

First-time director Tony Lo Bianco relies heavily on cheap scares and murder scenes which have been seen in countless other slash movies over the years.

McShane gives the only truly believable performance in this movie.

Too Scared to Scream comes from the same mold as *Dressed to Kill.* However, it's as if that mold was dropped, shattered into a hundred pieces (losing a few on the way), and put back together by a three-year-old child.

I counted maybe three genuine screams during the whole movie. This might have proved the title's point, except for the fact that everyone was too busy laughing.

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Bronson believes in system

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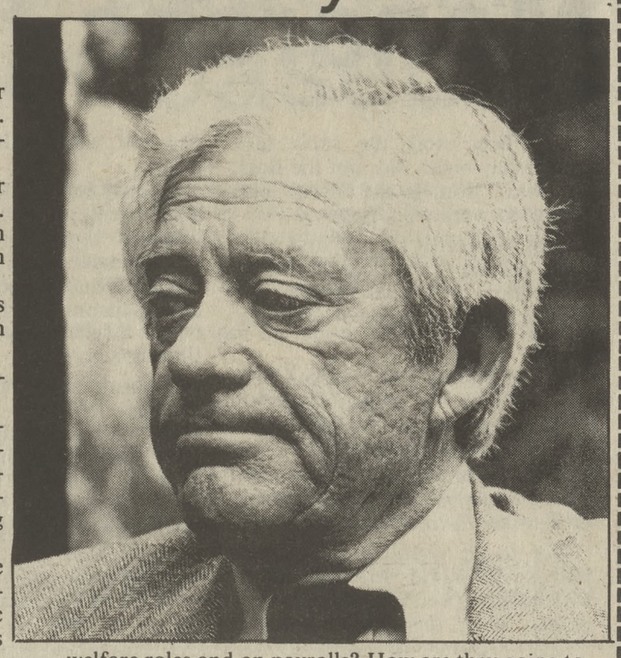

He's been on the board ever since.

"The community colleges are tremendous in their impact," he said. "My own son was a Vietnam vet. He went to Pierce, but fell out and became a construction worker for a while.

Then he went back to Valley, had a good counselor who helped him set his direction. He got his A.A. degree, went on to get his master's, and now he's in the Department of Social Services in Washington State.

When asked about the accomplishments of his tenure that he takes the most pride in, Bronson again spoke of business.

"It's an overall business-like approach to management that I felt the district needed," he said.

"I can also point with some pride to having industry involved with our colleges. The first educational grant to a community college by Atlantic-Richfield was to East L.A. College to fund a minority math program. That was the kick-off for getting other industries to follow suit."

Bronson said he was a founding member of the first district fund-raising foundation and has advocated what he calls the "privatization" of public institutions. The idea is that the campus presidents bring in funds, material, and equipment to the college through the foundations.

"The two vice presidents can run the institution," he said, "while it's the president's duty—as it is in the private sector—to see that money comes into the institution."

Bronson said he was also proud of the fact that when the district needed a chancellor, it was his nominee, Leslie Koltai, who the other board members agreed was the most qualified after interviews.

It's hard to doubt Bronson's commitment when you look at the work he's doing. Besides his 14 years on the Board of Trustees and this, his third stint as president, Bronson is also on the Commision on the Governance of the Community Colleges and a member of the Board of Directors of the California Community College Trustees Association. He also serves as chairman of the legislative committee for the latter organization.

Bronson said he had just spent two days in Sacramento the previous week working on the legislation that is constantly streaming through the legislature.

"Since the state provides 80 percent of our funding, we're being inundated with bills," he said.

The most beneficial legislation Bronson sees in the works is a revival of the bi-partisan matriculation bill that Gov. Deukmejian vetoed last year because he wanted to wait for the results of his Commission on the Mission of the Community Colleges.

Bronson said the bill would provide funding for a screening of students entering a community college, "not to exclude them, but to guide them."

"It would provide more counseling to help students assess their capabilities and see how they can get on the road to success rather than failure. That, to me, is the most important piece of legislation up there."

Bronson still sees no justification for the governor's veto.

"We believe we know the mission of the community colleges," he said. "I think you as a student pretty much know the mission of the community colleges."

"The governor really hasn't taken the time to get to know what we're doing. From his own experience, he knows what it is to go to private schools. We have over a million students enrolled in the 106 community colleges in the state—he has not had that experience."

According to Bronson, the mission consists of four parts: the transfer programs to the state university systems, counseling and remediation, community service classes, and the "major thrust" of the occupational and vocational programs.

Of those four, Bronson feels that counseling and remediation may be the most critical—and most neglected—function.

"If we don't give the remediation to people who come to us in need of it, where are they going to get it?" he asked. " How are they going to get off welfare roles and on payrolls? How are they going to become part of the tax base and the useful citizens they want to be?"

Bronson denies that the district administration's budget has not been cut back at the same rate as the campus budgets.

"That claim is easy to make, but it isn't so," he said. "All you have to do is come in to our office building and walk from the 11th floor down and see all the empty desks."

He said there has been a decrease in staff "to the point that some programs are difficult to run."

Bronson also defended the financial aids program saying, "very little of the problem is due to the community college administration."

"The financial aid program is really set up for the four-year program and the floating population we have does not fit the design," he said. "But there's also the fact that the scouting is more thorough. In the haste to get out financial aids, short cuts were taken that were illegal and we had to crackdown severely because of federal audits."

He also blamed the difficulty of the financial aid form.

"You almost have to be a Ph.D. to get through it," he said. "It's just the most difficult thing. And we didn't design it. We have to use it."

He said it was "interesting but sad" that while 10,000 people picked up applications for financial aid at the beginning of the school year, only half actually returned their applications.

"The need might very well be there," he said, "but we've lost them."

Bronson did admit, however, that the new computer has something to do with the situation.

"Start-up is always tough," he said. "I can recall when Atlantic-Richfield went from hand operation of its credit cards to the computer. It took us a year to straighten out. It was terrible.

"And that's a major corporation, with all its resources. We had all the expertise. So I have empathy for the students, but I also have understanding for the problem."

Despite the many problems that face the district today, Bronson said we can be proud of the LACCD and predicted "recovery and renewal" in the future.

"I know the system statewide," he said, "and I'd put us at the top. We have a great faculty—and our faculty teaches unlike the state colleges and universities where the teaching is turned over to teaching assistants.

"I'm committed to the system," he continued. "I take being president and being a board member very seriously. It's not something you can just give fleeting thought to—we impact on so many lives. I have a great feeling of responsibility to the people who make up the system, from the students to the faculty and administration."

When it comes to the community colleges, it's hard to escape the conclusion that Bronson means business.

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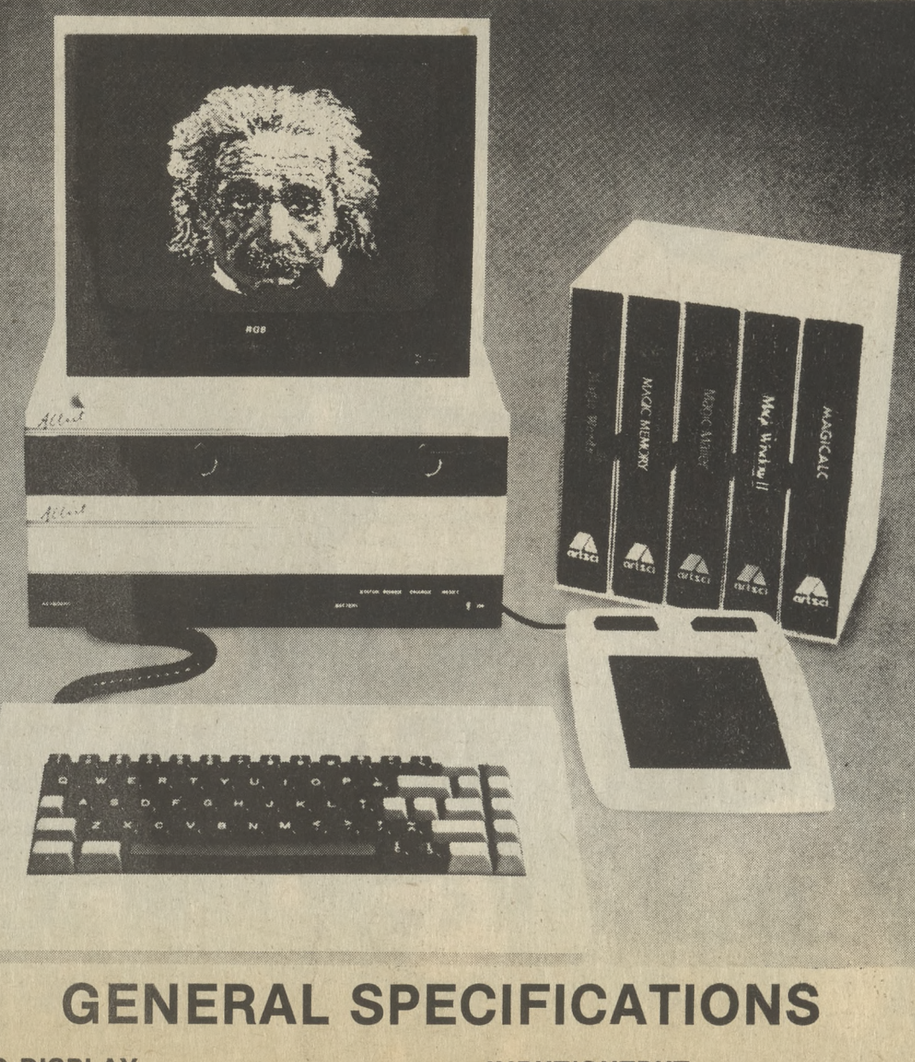

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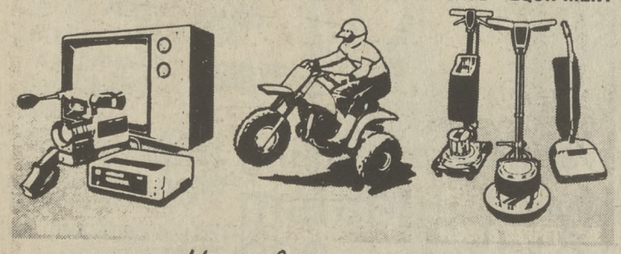

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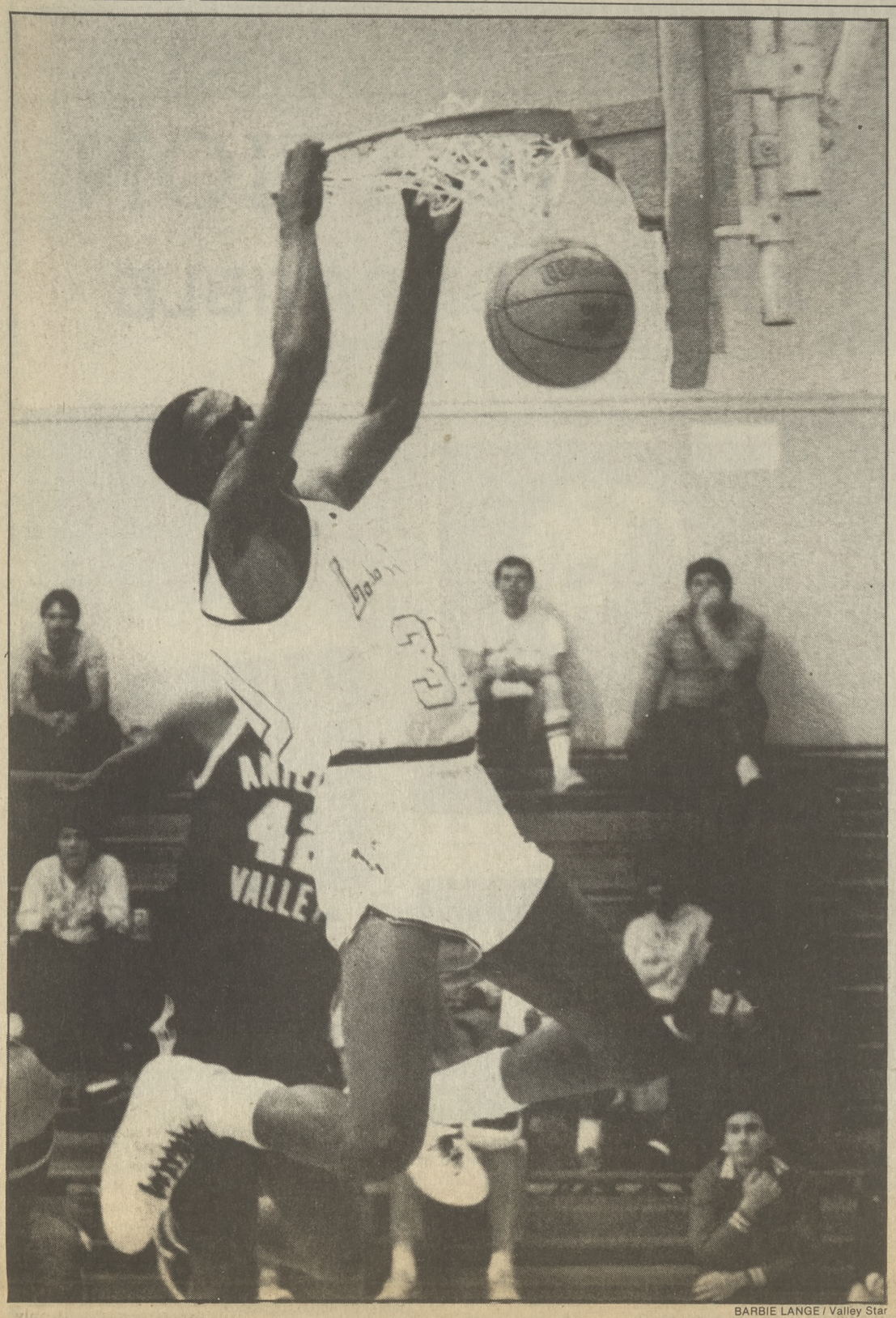

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SLAM DUNK—Jesse Garner slams home two of his 18 points in Valley's 82-67 win over Antelope Valley.

Monarchs fly high...

By MARC PROVAL, Staff Writer

The Boss stole the show last Wednesday night. No, not the Boss that was "Born in the USA," but LAVC forward Glen Boss.

Boss connected on his first nine shots enroute to scoring 24 points and leading the Monarchs to a convincing 82-67 trouncing of Antelope Valley.

"Glen played well," said Valley coach Bobby Castagna, "He did a good job of taking the ball for us and trying to do things with it."

The league win raised the Monarch's Mountain Conference record to 2-1 and 12-7 overall.

Not to be counted out, everybody's All-World selection Larry Middleton poured in a game-high 26 points, 20 of them coming in the first half, when Valley put the game away.

Already leading 19-13, the Monarchs went on a 12-2 spurt that featured three consecutive long-range jumpers from Boss and a couple of offensive rebounds that Middleton slammed home, sending the rest of the game into virtual garbage time.

It wasn't pretty, but Castagna will still take the "W" in the win column. Valley committed a season-high 26 turnovers. The ball-handling miscues were the only thing keeping the Monarchs from *really* blowing out Antelope Valley.

"The fact that it was a very physical game and was called loosely by the refs contributed to it," said Castagna. "But we still committed far too many turnovers."

The Monarchs win also layed to rest the theory that if you stop Middleton, you stop Valley. Castagna got balanced scoring and solid defense from his entire roster.

"We're not a one-man basketball team and were not going to be a one-man team," he said."

LAVC forward Jessie Garner added 18 points and reserve guards Dennis Anderson and Jerome Moncure came off the bench to add some stability to the sloppy ball-handling.

"Teams tend to think about Larry and forget that the rest of us can play too." said Boss.

If they keep playing like they did Wednesday, Boss and company won't let anyone overlook them the rest of the season.

but crash-land Friday

By KEN McCALL, Managing Editor

Outstanding performances by Larry Middleton (40 points) and Glen Boss (24 points) were not enough to overcome the balanced scoring attack and the big front line of College of the Canyons in an exciting Mountain Valley Conference game at Valley College last Friday night.

The Cougars won 85-80, lowering the Monarch's conference record to 1-2 (12-8 overall) and dropping them into third place behind College of the Canyons and Trade Tech.

The Monarchs especially had trouble containing Canyon's big left-handed center, six-foot-nine-inch Don White. White scored 30 points and during one stretch hit eight straight hook shots—all from down close to the basket.

"The big guy can throw the hook and he had it going tonight," said COC head coach Lee Smelser. "He's pretty effective down there."

Valley Coach Bobby Castagna had to agree.

"The big kid hurt us," Castagna said. "We talked about trying to stay on his right side and make him go left (shoot right-handed) but we never did it."

The unenviable defensive assignment went to freshman Mario Lopez who is not only two inches shorter than White, but also a good 50 pounds lighter. Lopez was unable to stop White when he got the ball down low, could not maintain rebounding position (he was outrebounded 10-2), and soon found himself in foul trouble.

Meanwhile Valley reserve center Carey Lewis, who, at a husky six-feet-nine-inches, matches up better with White spent most of the game on the bench. Castagna said he did not play much because of "disciplinary reasons."

"He's only played nine minutes in the last two games—which hurts us—but I'm not going to sacrifice what I believe in for a victory," the coach said.

In this case, Castagna may have sacrificed a win for his convictions. The bigger COC front line outmuscled and out-rebounded Valley 40-26.

But the Monarchs also appeared to be over-matched by the balance of the Canyon team. Although Valley's pressure defense and explosive fast break delighted the fans and kept the game close, the Cougars were able to rally and pull away when they needed to.

While Middleton and Boss supplied three-fourths of Valley's scoring, COC had four players in double figures, not including their leading scorer, Pete Coeler, who was held to eight points.

"It's been our strength all year that we don't count on certain people to do it for us," Smelser said. "Each night somebody gets the hand, so you really can't key on one particular guy."

Smelser admitted that his team tried to concentrate their defense on Middleton, but it didn't do much good.

"We keyed on Middleton and worked our fannies off and he still got 40," he said. "He's a great, great player—a true all stater I'll tell you that."

Smelser called Valley and Trade Tech the toughest challenges in the conference for his team. The three will play each other once more during the regular season.

"We're going to go right down to the wire with these people," he said.

Castagna had to agree with Smelser again. He thinks the Monarchs still have their best basketball ahead of them.

Women warm up for softball

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Sports Editor

Coming off a 1984 record of five wins and 20 losses, the Valley College women's softball team can only head in one direction...UP!

According to head coach Karen Honey, her team really wasn't as bad as their record might indicate.

"We had a tough defense but our pitching was real weak last year," she said. "You just can't defend against base hits," said Honey.

Diane Batham and Margaret Blaha will be will be sharing pitching duties this year. Both are veterans of last year's squad.

Honey said that both women have improved their pitching from last year and she is expecting good results from them.

The two other returnees are Marta Grissom, an outfielder, and Kerry Barwett, who played shortstop last year.

Batham will not only help the team with her strong pitching arm, but also in hitting. She was a leading hitter last year and finished with a .486 average along with 17 runs batted in and three home runs.

Honey said that she and assistant coach Lucy Innuso are big on the fundamentals of the game—especially defense.

She also said that Grissom will also help the team with her good running speed on the base paths.

The women's softball team practices Monday through Friday at 3 p.m. Coach Honey is in need of players and invited interested women to get involved with the team.

"I would like individuals who enjoy team sports and the competition that comes with the territory," she said. "I welcome all who are interested to come out for the team, it should be a good year."

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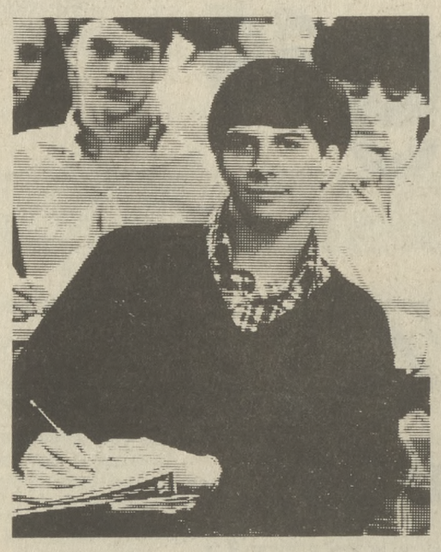

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Hitting and experience a big question for baseball team

By MARC PROVAL, Staff Writer

Beginning his third campaign as the manager of Valley's baseball team, Scott Muckey may be facing the toughest season in his short but successful career.

Muckey has lost all but one starter from the squad that finished 21-15 and took second place in the tough Mountain Valley Conference last year. First baseman and pitcher Bobby Hernandez is the one returning starter this season.

Hitting seems to be the biggest question mark staring Muckey in the face.

"I think we're going to hit," he said, "we just haven't done it yet. Hitting is a real complex thing. It just takes time to learn how to hit properly." said Muckey.

Instead of waiting for someone to stroke a three-run shot, the Monarchs are likely to play a lot of what California Angel manager Gene Mauch likes to call "little ball." That means plenty of sacrificing, hit-and-running, and generally low scoring games.

"We have to be able to win the one-run games and play when the games are tight," Muckey stressed.

Don't expect the Monarchs to blow the oppenents out, but in turn the Monarchs don't expect to be blown out either.

Valley comes into the season with a fairly strong pitching staff.

"In J.C.'s, if you've got three very talented pitchers, you're pretty lucky." said Muckey.

It seems that Muckey is in luck this year because with Hernandez and Mission College transfers Mike Anderson and Tony Estrada, the Monarchs have the arms to keep them in the games. Two other prospects on the mound are returnee Terry Callahan and newcomer Danny Tellis.

Another plus for Muckey is his infield defense. Projected starters are Hernandez at first base, when he's not pitching, John Chung at second, Ron Dale at short, and Tim Reilly at third.

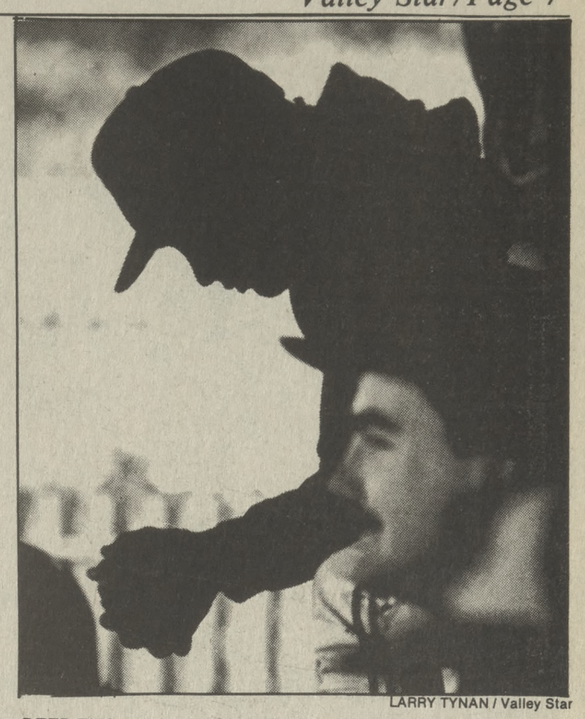
Strong-armed Paul Cantrell, who is coming off a knee injury, will be doing the catching. Muckey is very high on Cantell's ability behind the plate.

"Paul's been throwing runners out fairly consistantly and that's a big plus for your defense," he said.

The outfield has not yet been set and probably won't be, said Muckey.

According to Muckey, the key for the Monarchs to be successful in their tough league play—where College of the Canyons and West L.A. seem to be the teams to beat—is to break even in pre-season play.

If Muckey can get his inexperienced freshman to play like grizzled veterans—and if the hitting comes around sooner or later—the Monarchs should be a force to reckon with.



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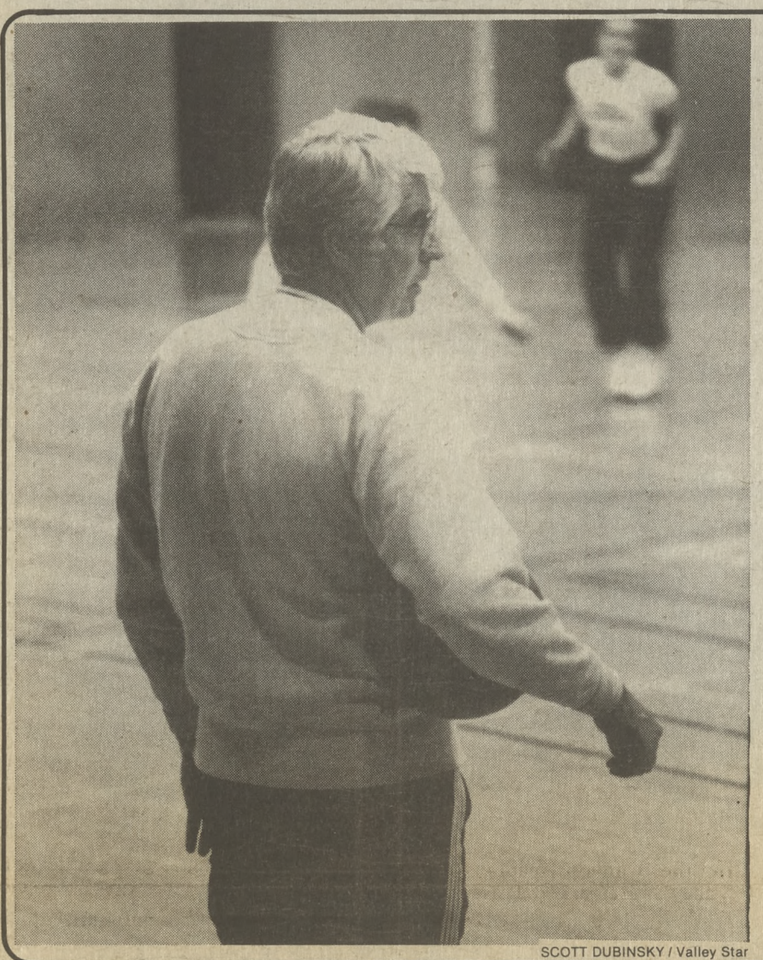
DEEP THOUGHT—Baseball player contemplates new season



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Sports Feature

Coach's dream becomes reality

By MARCI MARIGLIANO, Staff Writer

"I've been a basketball player all my life," said Jim Stephens, coach of Valley College's women's basketball team, "and my schooling was geared toward the sole purpose of becoming a coach. That's all I've ever wanted to do."

Stephens has been coaching for the past 22 years at various high schools and colleges throughout southern California including Daniel Murphy High School, Garden Grove High School, Marina High School in Huntington Beach, and Pierce College. Throughout his career, he has held the position of head basketball coach.

In 1975, Valley College was looking for a head coach who could improve the basketball program. Stephens was chosen for the position.

He coached the men's team at Valley until 1982 and then went on hiatus.

"I was burned out, or so I thought," said Stephens.

But he soon realized he was not "burned out." When Pierce College needed a coach for their men's team, Stephens was there.

He stayed with Pierce for two years, then came back to Valley to take over the women's basketball program.

"Coaching the girls is different than coaching the guys," said Stephens. "Very, very different."

Stephens said the difference was not in what he was doing, but in the attitudes of the women.

"The concentration and intensity is all there with the men," he said. They consider basketball their life. The girls just don't feel that way. There's a difference. If the guys are sick, they will still come to practice. The girls won't do that."

Stephens said he does not consider women to be the weaker sex.

"I push them hard," he said. "We've got to have good players to win the game. We've got good defense and adequate rebounding and we play tough and hard. If we were decent shooters, we'd be pretty good."

Stephens is a man who is used to speaking his mind. He fought against Proposition 13 and made appeareances on TV and radio to try to defeat the bill.

"We used to have good basketball and softball programs for the girls here at Valley," he said. "Basketball is certainly down partly due to lack of funds.

"And why doesn't the girl's basketball team have two coaches? I need an assistant. One person can't do it alone."

Stephens said the men's team has two coaches and a lot of things that they don't have.

"I get very little budget. The uniforms are so bad, it's a disgrace. The things they're wearing are too outdated. The shirts have sleeves, which is old stuff, and there aren't enough sizes to go around.

"I'm fighting for the kids. They're fine kids. I have them come over to my home for barbeques. I try to help them with their problems."

The coach said he used to do the same for the men's team.

"I'm interested," he said. "Show me someone else who is interested—the district, the school, anyone. It seems as though no one cares. No one really cares."

Stephens brought up the subject of tradition.

"Valley used to have great tradition for women's sports," he said. "Now it's gone. No one cares. What is it with the administration? If a sport is good enough to have, then it should be done right—just like anything else that's worth having or doing.

"I want to compete with the best," he said. "I want to win and there's no reason in the world why Valley can't be tops again in women's sports, if only we can get the support we need."

Valley track and field team gets ready to go the distance

By MARY KEELEN, Staff Writer

The Valley College men's and women's track and field season opens with its first tri-meet against Moorpark and Cerritos Colleges on Friday Feb. 15. The meet starts at 2 p.m. at Cerritos College.

Under Head Coach Mark Covert, the men's team placed second in their conference last year and have not lost a tri-meet in three years. The team is strong in distance with ruturning state cross county champion Eugene Cruz leading Donald Young, Thomas Wilkinson, and newcomer Reggie Dechard in the longer events.

Sprinters to watch for this season are returning sophomores, Emmitt Gaines and Al Thomas, along with new talent such as freshmen Dwayne Lloyd, John Kilson and Raymond Brooks.

Although much of the team is made up of freshmen, assistant coach James Harvey expects their times to improve now that they are making the transition into college competition.

However, the Monarchs are weak in such field events as the long jump and the high jump. "Our team doesn't have enough depth," explained Harvey. "We only have one pole vaulter (Darin Smith)."

According to Harvey, the women's team has not lost a tri-meet in four years. Blythe said this season may be tougher, however, because there are not a lot of women on the team.

The women's team will compete in Friday's meet with Gretchen Lohr, who place 15th in the state in cross country, and Kimberly Stuart, a freshman also running distance. Harvey called Stuart "one of the better high school runners in the Valley."

Harvey expects the women's 400 meter relay team of Trudi Johnson, La Tonda Hardy, Jennifer Wooten and Felicia Skaggs, to break some records this year.

Valley's track and field team is small and young, said Harvey, but it is a group of "quality" athletes who "train hard."

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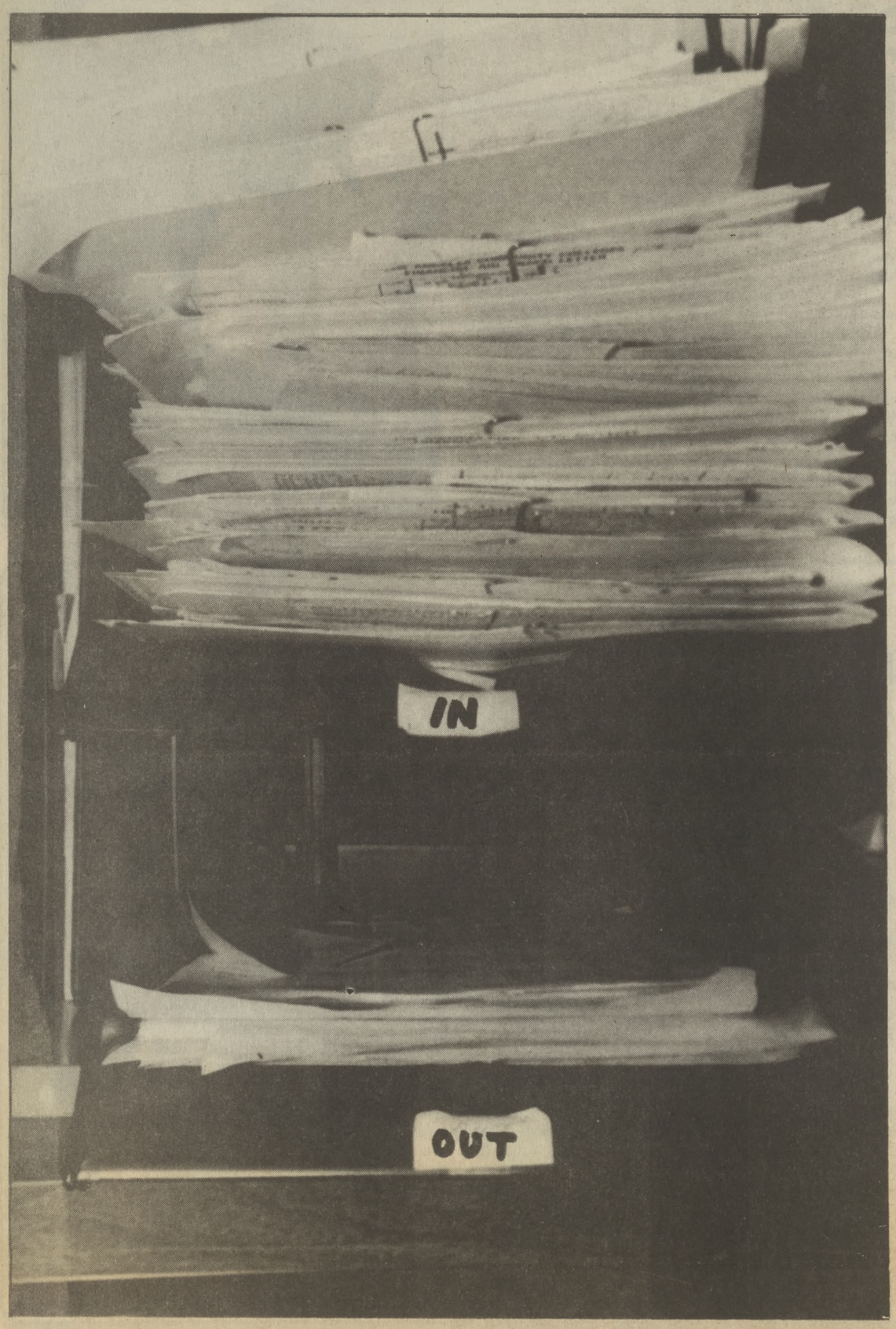

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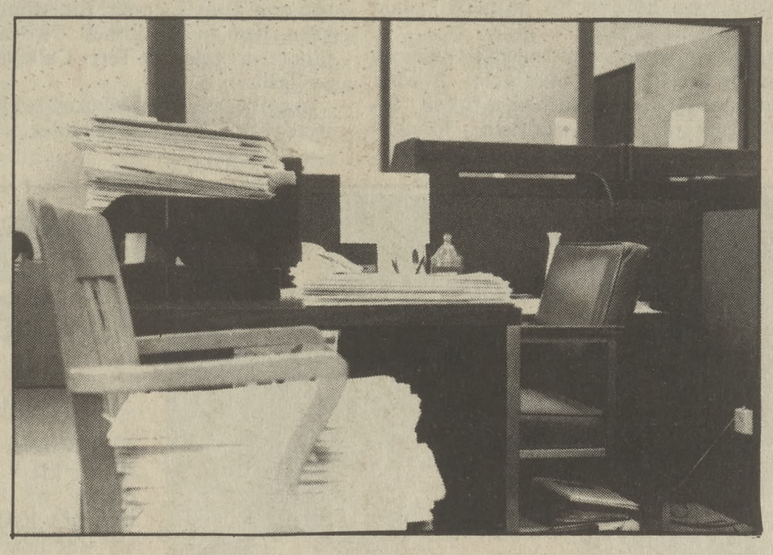

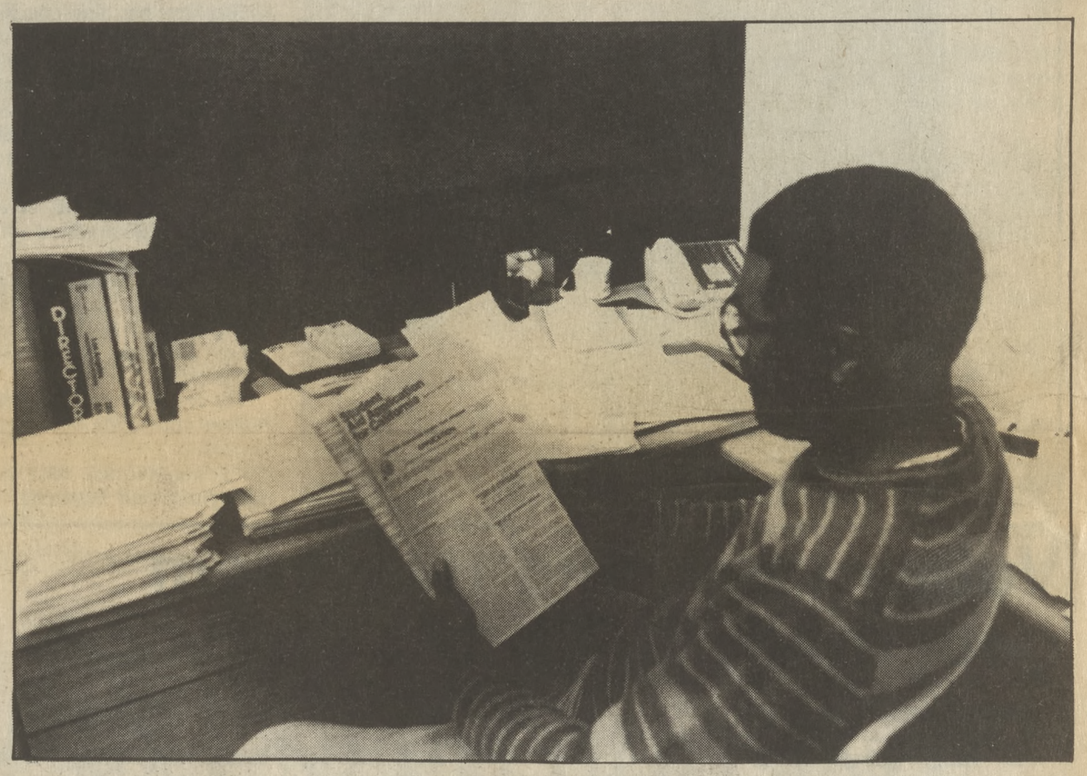

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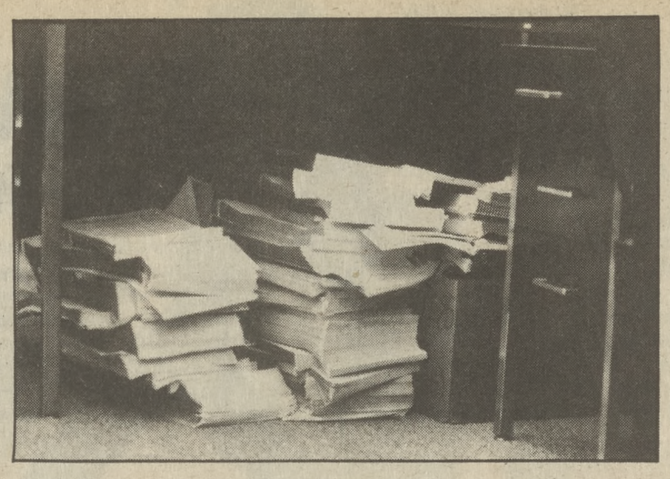

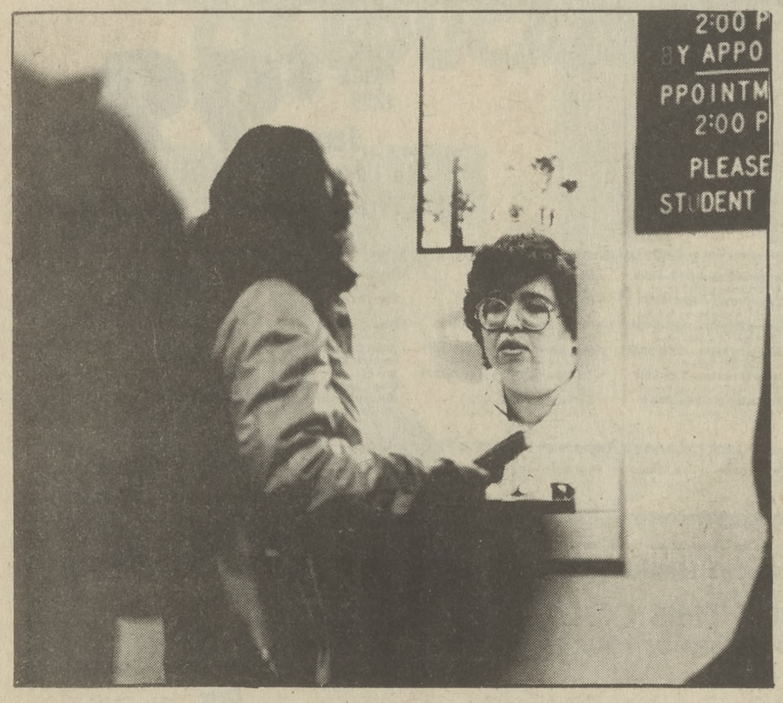

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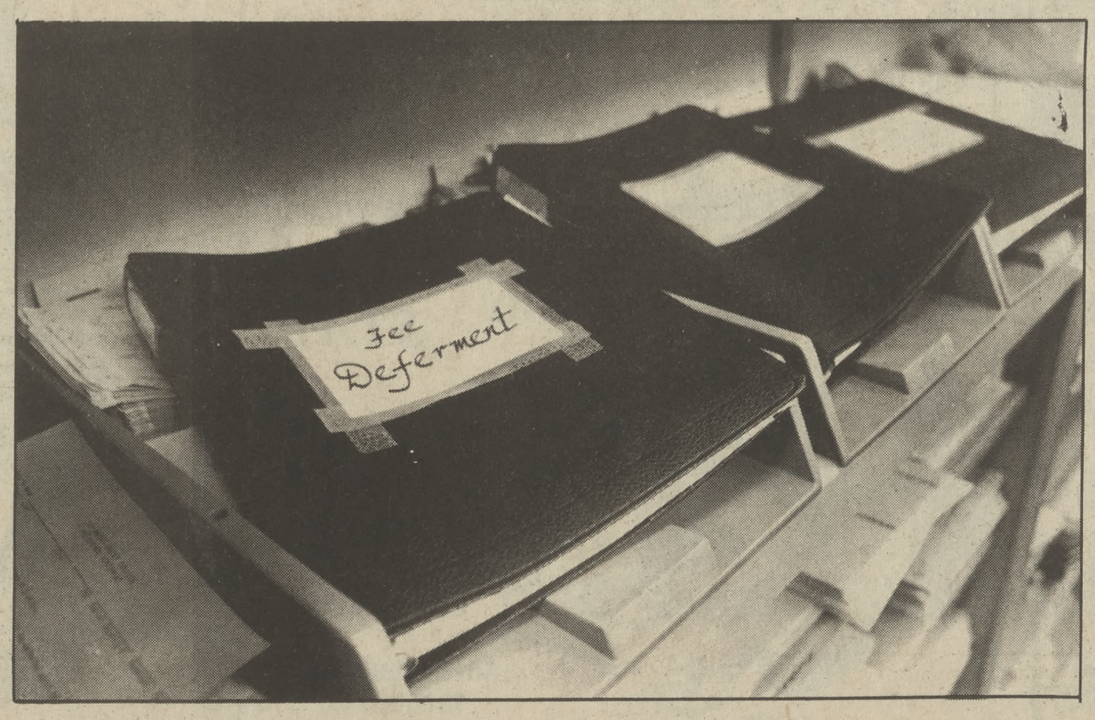
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